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REFERENCE:
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
CONSENT DECREE C-89-033-RJM
(PERTAINING TO COLBERT LANDFILL,
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON)

DEAR MR. NICOLL:

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LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES NORTH OF THE COLBERT LANDFILL. ONE OF OUR PRINCIPLE CONCERNS IN CONNECTION WITH CLEANUP OF THE LANDFILL SITE IS WITH THE CONTAMINATED AIR WHICH WILL BE GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE WATER TREATMENT. THE PROCESS OF "AIR STRIPPING", WHICH IS NOW PLANNED TO BE USED, ESSENTIALLY TRANSFERS THE CONTAMINANTS FROM THE WATER TO THE AMBIENT AIR. FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. WEATHER SERVICE, WE KNOW THAT THE PREVAILING WINDS IN THE SUMMER SEASON ARE FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. THEREFOR, A GOOD PORTION OF OUR AREA IS LOCATED DIRECTLY DOWN-WIND FROM THE SITE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AIR QUALITY AT THE SITE WILL BE MONITORED, BUT WE REALIZE THAT BECAUSE OF HUMAN ERROR, FAULTY MONITORING EQUIPMENT, POSSIBLE NEGLECT, ETC., THAT THE AIR IN OUR COMMUNITY COULD BE CONTAMINATED AT TIMES.

I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN REGARD TO REFERENCED CONSENT DECREE:

1. ON PAGE 35 OF APPENDIX "D" UNDER "MONITORING AND DOCUMENTATION", THE WORDING PROVIDES FOR DOCUMENTATION FOR GROUND WATER MONITORING BUT NOT FOR AIR MONITORING. I ASK WHY ?. THE PEOPLE DO HAVE A CHOICE TO USE OTHER THAN CONTAMINATED WATER, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE OF THE AIR WE BREATHE. I BELIEVE THIS TO BE A SERIOUS OMISSION IN THE WORDING OF THE DOCUMENT.
2. IT APPEARS THAT SPOKANE COUNTY WILL BE DOING THE MONITORING OF THE AIR PRODUCED BY THE "AIR STRIPPING" PROCESS. SINCE THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH THE OPERATION AND THE MONITORING, ISN'T THIS SOMEWHAT LIKE HAVING THE FOX GUARD THE CHICKEN HOUSE ? I PROPOSE THAT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY BE TRAINED AND AUTHORIZED TO SPOT CHECK THE AIR MONITORING FROM TIME TO TIME.

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